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# **Welcome Aboard**

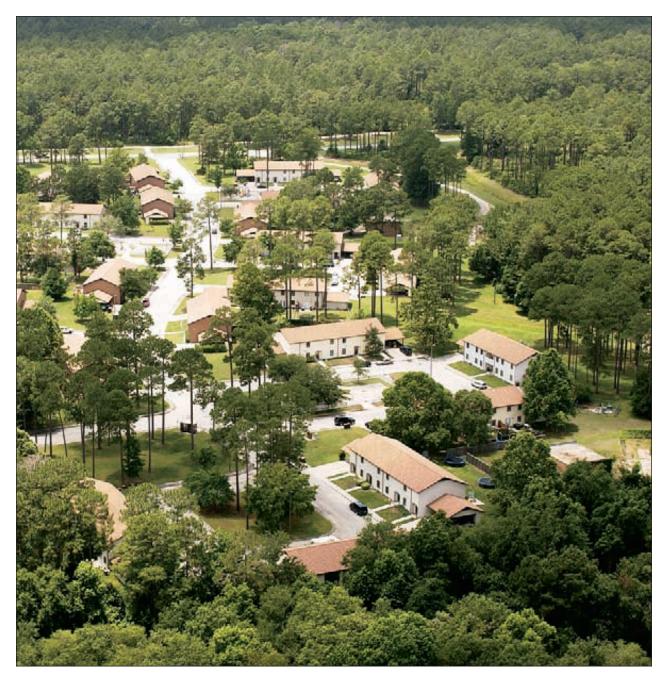
# Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia

Welcome to Kings Bay, the east coast home to Trident submarines. Whether you are inbound or contemplating a transfer here, you will discover, as have many people before you, that our award-winning base is one of the Navy's premier duty stations. It is strategically and conveniently located in an idyllic setting near I-95, along-side the Intracoastal Waterway of southeast Georgia, and only 30 minutes from Jacksonville International Airport.

Nearby, you will find a variety of places to live, worship, shop, recreate, learn, explore, and play. Friendly

people, superb amenities, and much to do underscore why people chose to serve here, many for follow-on tours or to retire. The cost of living is very reasonable as compared to many duty stations, which adds to the attractiveness of living in the area. Lifestyles exist here for a variety of tastes.

Whether you prefer living in the country, a small-town environment, or the faster lanes of metropolitan and city life, it is all near Kings Bay. Housing choices run the gamut, including affordable, quality houses and apartments, to modest homes on acreage, to luxurious residences in gated country clubs. Temporary quarters, family housing, and barracks are also available on base.



You will find top-notch schools, childcare facilities, and libraries, all supported by dedicated teachers and staffs.

Activities and programs abound for youth, teens, and adults. On base, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, MWR, offers a variety of programs and services for single or unaccompanied Sailors, Marines, and families, including computers, games, trips, a golf course, bowling, child care, dining, special functions and much more! You can shop at a modern, well-stocked commissary and the Navy Exchange.

Off base, you can visit historic sites; local, state, regional, and national parks and preserves; tourist attractions; and points of interest all along the Georgia and Florida coast or inland. You can explore shops, restaurants, and points of interest in St. Marys, the gateway to Cumberland Island, and Kingsland. In less than an hour, you can reach beaches, malls, and a multitude

of services and amenities at Jacksonville, Fernandina Beach, Brunswick, and St. Simons Island. Area residents and visitors boast about the fresh and saltwater fishing, and you can fish on base, too.

Utmost, as you travel keep safety foremost in your mind! Plan ample time for your trip, stay alert, never jeopardize the safety of you or your family, and carry important papers and numbers such as orders, personnel and medical records, TRICARE ID cards, and phone numbers with you. Finally, remember to regularly inform your sponsor and command about your travel plans, especially if you encounter emergencies along the way or cannot arrive safely or as scheduled.

We look forward to your safe arrival and to welcoming you aboard Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. You will enjoy living here, being part of our family, and working with our professional, award-winning team.



Naval Submarine Support Base Kings Bay stands up July 1, 1978. Kings Bay was established as a refit site for the fleet ballistic submarine squadron relocating from Rota, Spain. Commander Robert Sminkey stood the command up with 36 people on staff. Today, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay employs over 8,000 people with an annual payroll around \$500 million.

# Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay History

1954-1978 Military Ocean Terminal Kings Bay, U.S. Army

1978-1982 Naval Submarine Support Base Kings Bay

1982-present Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay

# **The Early Years**

The Kings Bay region is a pleasant place to live, as shown by the fact people have populated the area for thousands of years. Archeological research conducted over the past 28 years has revealed a pre-Columbian Indian presence throughout the area.

Early in the 19th century, much of what is now a bustling modern submarine base was the site of several plantations, including Cherry Point, Harmony Hall, New Canaan, Marianna and Kings Bay. Along the bay, Thomas King developed his Kings Bay plantation. Buying the land in the 1790s, King built a small-to-medium sized plantation. Investigations by University of Florida archaeologists revealed a broad spectrum of previously unknown information about the lifestyle of the plantation owner of the day.

Elsewhere on what is now base property, John Houston McIntosh built a considerably larger plantation known as New Canaan, where he grew cotton and sugar cane. Just west of the Stimson Gate, across Georgia Highway Spur 40, lays the two-story tabby ruin of McIntosh's sugar mill.

Point Peter was the site of the last major military engagement of the War of 1812 in January 1815, when the British landed in force on Cumberland Island, then staged a two-pronged attack against the fort. The Americans retreated and made a last stand against the invaders along what is now Kamehameha Avenue on lower base. A peace treaty ending the War of 1812 was signed in Belgium in December 1814, but the soldiers, far removed from Europe, knew nothing of the treaty. The British then destroyed the fort, barracks and magazine. After occupying and looting Point Peter, Cumberland Island and St. Marys, the British left in early March 1815. An exhibit about the fort and battle is on display at the Cumberland Island National Seashore Museum in downtown St. Marys.

# **The Army Years**

The Army began to acquire land at Kings Bay in 1954 to build a military ocean terminal to ship ammunition in case of a national emergency. Construction actively began in 1956 and was completed in 1958. Since there was no immediate operational need for the installation, it was placed in an inactive ready status.

The most prominent feature of the terminal was the 2,000-foot-long, 87-foot-wide concrete and steel wharf.

In addition, three parallel railroad tracks would have enabled the simultaneous loading of several ammunition ships from rail cars and trucks.

Elsewhere aboard the base, the Army built 47 miles of railroad tracks. Spurs off the main line ran into temporary storage areas that were protected by earthen barricades. These mounds of dirt, still prominent features in many areas of the base, were designed to localize damage in case of explosive accidents.

Never activated to serve its primary purpose, the Army base was used for other missions. In 1964, as Hurricane Dora hammered the area, nearly 100 area residents were sheltered aboard at the base. Also, during the Cuban Missile Crisis, an Army Transportation Battalion of 1,100 personnel and 70 small boats took up position at Kings Bay.

### **The Navy Years**

The chain of events that led to today's combination of high-tempo submarine operations at Kings Bay and the complex construction project that reshaped the face of thousands of acres of land began in 1975. At the time, treaty negotiations between Spain and the United States were in progress. A proposed change to our base agreement with Spain was the withdrawal of the fleet ballistic-missile submarine squadron, Submarine Squadron 16, from its operational base at Rota, Spain. Anticipating this would take place, the Chief of Naval Operations ordered studies to select a new refit site on the East Coast.



Former President, Georgia governor, and submariner stepped aboard part of his legacy when he visited the base in late 2005. In a return to his military roots, Jimmy Carter took a dive on his namesake submarine USS Jimmy Carter (SSN 23) and toured a base created while he served as president from 1977-1981. During his visit Carter said even though he could have exerted influence on selecting Kings Bay as the new stateside refit site, the base was chosen on its own merits.



Naval Submarine Support Center stands up March 5, 2004. The center placed former squadron responsibilities of upkeep, material readiness and administrative supportive functions under a single support command. The change also allowed squadron commanders to focus strictly on operational readiness of the Trident fleet at Kings Bay.

In January 1976, negotiators initialed a draft treaty between Spain and the U.S.; it called for withdrawal of the squadron from Rota by July 1979. The U.S. Congress ratified the treaty in June 1976.

A site-selection steering group evaluated more than 60 sites along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. By summer of 1976, the number of sites was narrowed to five: Narragansett Bay, R.I.; Cheatham Annex, Va.; Charleston, S.C.; Kings Bay, Ga.; and Mosquito Lagoon, Fla.

A comprehensive study evaluated each site against a number of criteria, including: costs, ability to meet required schedule, land availability to meet explosive safety requirements, operational capabilities and logistics consideration, environmental impact and growth potential for future requirements.

After careful review, the Navy selected Kings Bay.

The first Navy personnel arrived in the Kings Bay area in January 1978 and started preparations for the orderly transfer of property from the Army to the Navy. Naval Submarine Support Base Kings Bay was established in a developmental status July 1, 1978. The base, now Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, occupies the

entire former Army terminal, as well as several thousand additional acres.

Preparations for the arrival of the submarine squadron went forward in haste throughout the remainder of 1978 and into 1979. Commander Submarine Squadron 16 greeted the submarine tender USS Simon Lake (AS-33), when it arrived at Kings Bay on July 2, 1979. Four days later, USS James Monroe (SSBN 622) entered Kings Bay and moored alongside Simon Lake to begin a routine refit in preparation for another deterrent patrol. Kings Bay has been an operating submarine base since that day.

In May 1979, the Navy selected Kings Bay as the preferred East Coast site for the Ohio-class submarine. On October 23, 1980, after a one-year environmental impact study was completed and with Congressional approval, the Secretary of the Navy announced Kings Bay as the future home of the new Trident submarine. The building project included the construction of three major commands: Trident Training Facility (TTF), Trident Refit Facility (TRF), and Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic (SWFLANT).



USS Simon Lake (AS 33) set up its new home on the site that would eventually become Explosive Handling Wharf 2. Following the Secretary of the Navy's announcement in October 1980 that Kings Bay would become the new East Coast home to the new Ohio-class submarine, a building boom that would last over a decade transformed the former Army terminal into a high tempo strategic submarine base.

On January 15, 1989, the first Trident submarine, USS Tennessee (SSBN 734), arrived at Kings Bay. The commissioning of USS Louisiana (SSBN 742) in September 1997 gave Kings Bay its full complement of 10 Trident submarines.

The enormous effort put forth by all the commands at Kings Bay reached fruition in late March 1990, when the Trident II (D-5) missile made its first deterrent patrol on board Tennessee.

The end of the Cold War and the reorganization of military forces in the 1990s affected Kings Bay. A nuclear policy review recommended the Navy reduce the Ohio-class fleet ballistic-missile submarines from 18 to 14 by 2005.

In order to meet the review recommendation, the four oldest Ohio-class submarines were decommissioned and converted to conventional (SSGN) platforms. Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Nebraska, Maine, and Louisiana shifted homeport to Naval Submarine Base Bangor, Washington, as part of balancing the Trident fleet. USS Florida (SSGN 728) will make Kings Bay its new home this year and it is expected USS Georgia

(SSGN 729) will make its home here as well when its conversion is complete in 2007.

In addition to being an integral part of our nation's strategic deterrence program, Kings Bay has attained and sustained award-winning results unsurpassed in Navy Region Southeast or other submarine and shore commands in the U.S. Navy.

In 2005, Kings Bay received many honors including the Navy's Personal Excellence Partnership and the Environmental Stewardship Flagship Awards and a Meritorious Letter of Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy. The base also received the CNO and Secretary of the Navy Achievement in Safety Ashore awards in the small industrial categories. Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic received its second consecutive Raborn Award as the top strategic system program command in the Navy and received a Meritorious Unit Commendation from the Secretary of the Navy.

Kings Bay continues to take great pride in its mission and dedication to service; a base recognized for total commitment to innovation, quality of life, environmental awareness and community relations.



# **Before You Arrive**

# **Getting Here is Half the Fun**

Interstate 95 is the most popular route to this area, and you can reach the base by taking Exits 1, 3, or 6.

Exit 1 takes you down St. Marys Road and ends at the Franklin Gate. From Exit 3, take Georgia State Route 40 east toward St. Marys and turn left onto Kings Bay Road, which will take you to the Stimson Gate. Exit 6, Laurel Island Parkway, also leads to Kings Bay Road and to the Stimson Gate.

For those who choose to fly, Jacksonville International Airport is approximately 30 miles south of the base off Interstate 95.

# **Vehicle Registration**

Motor vehicles, privately owned and operated on the base by military and civilian personnel, or their family members, must be registered at the Stimson Gate Pass and ID office. Valid decals from other military activities will be honored for 30 days with PCS orders. After that, a Kings Bay decal must be affixed to the vehicle. The Stimson Gate Pass and ID office hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week. The Franklin Gate Pass and ID office hours are from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Car owners must meet the following minimum requirements to be issued a base decal:

- 1) Possess a current vehicle registration
- 2) Possess a valid state driver's license
- 3) Provide proof of liability insurance

Motorcycle operators must meet the same minimum requirements as stated above. In addition, motorcyclists must provide proof of attendance of classroom training and road phase of the Basic Riders Course before being issued a base decal.

A 2005 Department of Defense regulation restricts the use of cell phones while driving on a military installation, although the Navy and Kings Bay do not have restrictive policies in effect (at this time), safely pulling off to the side of the road or use of hands free equipment is recommended. Seatbelt use is required on and off base and as always keep safety in mind and

practice sound risk management whenever driving or traveling in motor vehicles. Georgia state law requires headlights on for safety whenever it rains. Never drink and drive. If you do drink, use a designated driver or call a taxi or friend.

### **Sponsor Program**

So, you have orders to Kings Bay and the big question is what to do to prepare for the move. NSB Kings Bay has a great program to aid you with all the necessities of your move. The key to your smooth transition is your sponsor.

Once your orders are received by your prospective command a welcome aboard package will be sent to you and a sponsor assigned. In the welcome aboard package your sponsor will enclose a personal letter in the package to welcome you and offer help in your needs. Your sponsor will also contact you to make arrangements in order to make your transition as trouble-free as possible.

Whatever questions you have - big or small - your sponsor will assist you in finding answers. For additional information about the sponsor program, please call your receiving command or the base sponsor coordinator at (912) 573-9620.

### **Temporary Lodging**

It is advisable to locate temporary lodging in advance. Your sponsor can help you with making local arrangements.

#### **Manatee Inn**

The Manatee Inn, located on base, provides temporary lodging for military members and their families transferring to and from the area. Incoming personnel are authorized a ten-day stay at the inn. The Inn offers free laundry facilities and in-room kitchens. Call (912) 573-4871 for more information or to make reservations.

### **Navy Lodge**

The Navy Lodge has 26 rooms. Two of the rooms are configured for handicapped occupants and 13 are designated as non-smoking rooms. Call (800) NAVY-INN to make reservations at the Kings Bay lodge.



Sailors do calisthenics as part of the three-times-a-week physical fitness program at Kings Bay. Being physically fit is beneficial in many ways: Not only do you feel better but you stay healthier.



The Manatee Inn or transient visitor quarters will probably be your first stop when transferring to Kings Bay. The Inn provides a 10-day stay for inbound and outbound service members at a modest cost.

#### **Hotels**

There are several local hotels in the Camden County - Kings Bay area. Accommodations are usually plentiful year-round and your sponsor can provide a list of the hotels in the area.

#### Weather

The climate in Southeast Georgia is generally temperate. Summers are long and warm with an average relative humidity of about 75 percent. Winters, although punctuated with periodic invasions of cool to occasionally cold air from the north, are mild because of the southern latitude and the proximity to the warm Atlantic Ocean waters.

The annual average temperature for the Kings Bay area is 68. June, July and August are the hottest months, with temperatures averaging above 90 degrees. December, January and February are the coolest months, with temperatures near the middle 50's. Temperatures exceed 95 degrees during the summer months and evening temperatures are usually comfortable, rarely falling below 75 degrees.

The greatest rainfall, mostly in the form of local thunderstorms, occurs during the summer months

when a measurable amount can be expected one day in two. Summer thunderstorms usually occur before the noon hour along the beaches, while afternoon thunderstorms are the rule inland.



The Kings Bay honor guard attends many ceremonies and military funerals throughout the year. The guard is made up of highly professional and motivated Sailors from the different commands of Kings Bay.



Kings Bay is home to hundreds of animals including several endangered and threatened species such as the Wood Stork and Gopher Tortoise. A handful of Canadian Geese were introduced to Kings Bay in the early 1980s and now number in the hundreds. They return each year to the many ponds and lakes located on the base for food and nesting.



The award winning design of the base gallery makes a picturesque setting for any meal. The gallery is open seven days a week and serves active duty, retired military and their families for a nominal fee. The gallery is widely known for its gournet and holiday meals.

# **Reporting Aboard**

# The First Stop

The first stop for all new personnel reporting aboard should be their appropriate command administrative department. Personnel checking aboard any of the submarines should report directly to the Naval Submarine Support Center. Personal reporting to the submarine base, Submarine Group 10, Trident Training Facility or Trident Refit Facility should report directly to those command administrative departments.

Your administrative department will get you started on the check-in process and will set up an appointment time for you to visit the Personnel Support Activity Detachment (PSD).

If you arrive after hours, check in at your command's quarterdeck and have your original orders endorsed. The next working day, report to your respective admin department. If your arrival dates or times change, or if an emergency arises that might prevent you from reporting on time, call your command and sponsor in advance or as soon as safely possible.



The base employs a full time game warden to manage the wildlife on base. The warden is responsible for hunting and fishing on base as well as the management of the alligator population. When a gator becomes too big for its pond it will leave in search of a new home and food. This is the time when alligators become aggressive and the warden has to step in, capture it and remove it from the base. Word to the wise: do not try to approach a seemingly placid alligator or try to feed it table scraps.

# **Personnel Support Activity Detachment**

Military members should report to PSD at their scheduled appointment time to complete required check-in procedures and file travel claims.

Located in building 1052, PSD keeps pay and personnel records current and processes travel claims. Other services include identification card issue for military and family members, personnel records review, passport applications, retention information and guidance for check-in procedures.

PSD keeps pay and personnel records up to date and processes travel claims. Other PSD services include ID cards, personnel records review, passport applications and retention information.



Navy Band Southeast performs at an official function at Kings Bay.



There are many volunteer programs available at Kings Bay. If building homes is in your line of work giving your time to the Camden County habitat chapter may be right up your alley. Base volunteers have helped build 20 affordable homes for families in need for the local chapter.



The Marine Corps Security Force Company, under the operational control of SWFLANT, provides physical security for SWFLANT facilities on base.

# What's at Kings Bay

# **Major Commands At Kings Bay**

# **Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay**

Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay provides support to the strategic warfighter and operates and maintains the facilities of the Trident submarine force stationed here.

# **Submarine Group 10**

Submarine Group 10 was commissioned January 1, 1989 and is the senior commander at Kings Bay. Group 10 is a subordinate command to Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. It exercises command over various commands and units assigned, including operational and administrative control of the Trident ballistic missile submarines based at Submarine Base Kings Bay.

Group 10 is the local coordinating authority for all matters assigned by the submarine force commander and exercises direct control over the administration and



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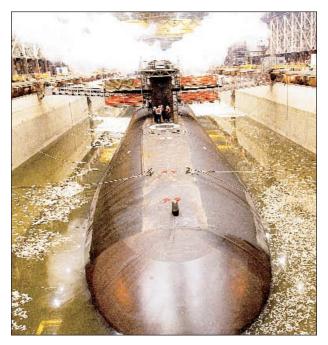
training of submarine off-crews at Kings Bay. Specifically included in these responsibilities are the proper integration and coordination of the facilities dedicated to training support of the Trident system.

# **Submarine Squadron 16/20**

Submarine Squadron 16/20 provides administrative support for the East Coast-based Trident submarines. The squadron commander is responsible for the Trident submarines assigned to Kings Bay and the crews that man those submarines at all times. The squadron coordinates planning and executing all SSBN refits with Trident Refit Facility and is responsible for all material readiness and fiscal responsibility.

# **Naval Submarine Support Center**

The submarine center provides centralized administrative and support services to the submarine squadron assisting them in their responsibilities for material, personnel, training and logistics of assigned and visiting submarines.



Trident refit Facility (TRF) is the largest tenant command at Kings Bay and has kept the strategic submarine fleet at sea since 1985. TRF boasts the largest covered dry dock in the Northern hemisphere, measuring 700 feet long, 100 feet wide, and 67 feet deep.



A state-of-the-art Magnetic Silencing facility (MSF) provides degaussing services, including ranging and deperming for US and United Kingdom submarines, as well as steel hull surface craft. The MSF is the only facility of its kind on the East Coast and is also used for research development of future magnetic systems.



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# **Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic**

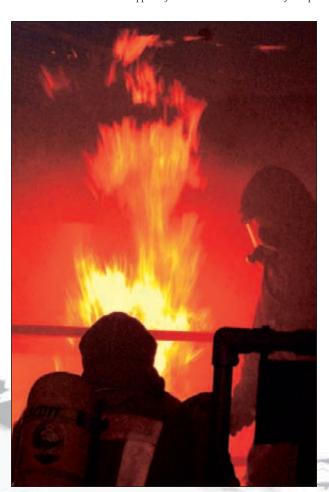
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The workforce consists of engineers, administration and management personnel, supply and accounting technicians, maintenance personnel, equipment operators, and safety and quality assurance specialists. Facilities include administration buildings, supply warehouses, a calibration laboratory, missile assembly buildings, vertical missile packaging buildings, inspection buildings and explosive handling wharves.

The D-5 has a greater range, payload, and accuracy than its predecessors, since it incorporates many state-of-the-art technological advances in electronics and rocketry. The D-5 is the heart of the Trident weapons system, which also includes the submarine, support equipment and shore facilities. The system is designed to be America's sea borne deterrent to strategic war.



TTF has an essential role in support of the Trident submarines and for experienced crewmembers, advanced training is available during the off crew period.



# **Marine Corps Security Force Company**

Under the operational control of SWFLANT and commanded by a senior Marine Corps officer, the company provides physical security for SWFLANT.

Activated September 1, 1987, the company provides security operations as approved by the Chief of Naval Operations, in coordination with the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and performs other functions as directed by the commandant.

# **Trident Refit Facility**

Trident Refit Facility (TRF) is the largest tenant command at Kings Bay and has quietly and efficiently kept a significant portion of America's submarine warfare capability at sea since 1985. TRF provides quality industrial and logistics support for the incremental overhaul, modernization, and repair of Trident submarines and also provides global submarine supply support. In addition, TRF provides maintenance and support services to other submarines, regional maintenance customers, and other activities as requested.

The military and civilian workforce works in a variety of trades supporting submarine/ship repair and maintenance. While the bulk of TRF workload is associated with the repair of Trident submarines, the TRF team also provides maintenance and support services to other class submarines, regional maintenance customers, and the Trident Planned Equipment



At TTF, enhanced computer simulation training is conducted on equipment identical to that on board a Trident submarine.

Replacement program. TRF also supports the Nuclear Power Training Unit (NPTU) in Charleston, S.C. with repairs to pumps, valves, motor generators, turbines, and hatches on the moored training ship located there.

TRF Supply Department is essential for accomplishment of the Trident submarine mission as it provides total integrated logistical supply support to attack and United Kingdom submarines, regional maintenance customers, and other activities as requested.

TRF boasts the largest covered dry dock in the Northern hemisphere. Measuring 700 feet long, 100 feet wide, and 67 feet deep, the dry dock is a marvel. A state-of-the-art Magnetic Silencing Facility (MSF) provides degaussing services, including ranging and deperming for US and United Kingdom submarines, as well as steel hull surface craft. The MSF is the only facility of its kind on the East Coast and is also used for research for development of future magnetic systems. The Defensive Ordnance Support Facility maintains and stores torpedoes carried by Trident submarines.

# **Trident Training Facility**

The Trident Training Facility (TTF), with over 520,000 square feet of classroom and office space, trains sailors in the skills necessary to operate and maintain the Trident submarine and its systems. TTF has an essential role in support of the Trident submarines.

The training facility is the first stop for Sailors just completing Basic Enlisted Submarine Training and is their first exposure to technical training to be directly used in the fleet. For experienced crewmembers, more advanced training is available and it is mostly accomplished during the off crew period. Enhanced computer simulation training is also conducted on equipment identical to that on board a Trident submarine.

TTF has a military and civilian workforce that contributes special talents in the curriculum development, fiscal and administrative areas. TTF reports to Chief of Naval Education and Training.



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Housing provides both family and bachelor housing on base as well as a referral service for off base housing. Family housing consists of townhouse-style housing (2-4) bedrooms while the bachelor housing meets the new Navy standard of one-to-one dorm-style rooms.

# **Services at Kings Bay**

# **Housing and Housing Referral**

Kings Bay has 665 townhouse-style homes with one through four bedroom units to choose from. The actual waiting time for one and two bedroom enlisted units are less than 30 days. Pets are allowed in family housing (two pet limit), restrictions do apply when occupying 2nd floor units. Leash laws for all animals are enforced and pets must be registered within 10 days of moving into family housing. Annual registration and micro-chipping for cats and dogs is mandatory. There is a nominal fee for each process and micro-chipping can be accomplished at the base veterinarian office.

All service members transferring to Kings Bay must contact the housing referral office before making any off-base housing commitments. The office maintains lists of currently available apartments, houses, and mobile homes for sale or rent. The service is designed to save effort and expense during the house-hunting

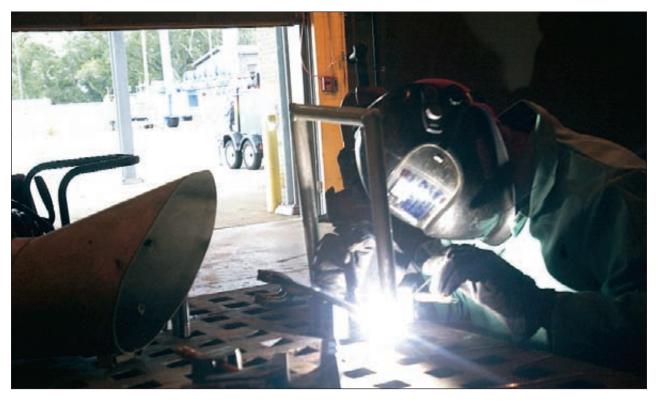
stage of your tour. All service members accompanied by their family members are eligible for family housing. Service members without dependents are eligible for assignments to bachelor quarters. The Family Housing Office is located in the Family Housing Welcome Center at the corner of Andrew Jackson Drive and James Madison Road.

# **Bachelor's Enlisted Quarter**

The Bachelor's Enlisted Quarter consists of 1,138 rooms and can house a total of 1,687 enlisted personnel. Kings Bay does not provide berthing for geographical bachelors other than resident advisors in order to meet the Navy's priority berthing.

#### Manatee Inn:

The Manatee Inn is also part of the housing department and you can read about the Inn in the Temporary Lodging section of the base guide.



Port Operations provides harbor support to the submarine fleet at Kings Bay. the department is also responsible for small boat repairs across the southeast region and spill abatement from Kings Bay to St. Simons Island.

# **Educational Opportunities**

#### **Local Schools**

Kings Bay residents can take advantage of Camden County's public school system (from kindergarten through 12th grades). The county has 12 schools, including one high school, two middle schools, and nine elementary schools. In addition, the public school system operates a special needs school and an alternative school.

#### **Higher Education**

Coastal Georgia Community College is located three miles from the base on Wildcat Drive (near the high school, which is off Colerain/Laurel Island Parkway). There are several other colleges and universities within commuting distance in Brunswick, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla.

On base, Navy College Center hosts several colleges that provide on-base classes for those seeking advanced degrees. The two on-base institutions include Brenau University and Valdosta State University. Both school offices are located in building 1030.

As a supplement to Navy College, the Campus Resource Center, run by Valdosta State University, offers academic library services for members of the Kings Bay community. Materials available include reference material, fiction, and Internet access (for patrons 18 years and older).

The Navy College Center contains a fully stocked DANTES test center, where tests are scheduled on a regular basis. Online testing with immediate results is

also available. Counseling is available for other degree programs, such as Service Member's Opportunity Colleges. The Navy College Learning Center is available for test review or college preparation classes.

For more information about educational opportunities, call Navy College at (912) 573-4574.

# **Navy Branch Health Clinic**

The health clinic is located in building 1028 at the intersection of James Madison and Henry L. Stimson Avenues.

#### **Dental Care**

All active duty personnel are seen at the branch clinic. Personnel with dental emergencies can be seen at anytime. Family members and qualified beneficiaries are required to utilize the United Concordia dental plan. Information is available upon request from the front desk staff or by calling (912) 573-4212.

#### **Medical Care**

The clinic is a primary care outpatient facility that provides routine general and pediatric care. The clinic does not have an emergency room, but medical emergencies in are handled at the Southeast Georgia Health System - Camden Campus located on Kings Bay Road.

Clinic hours for acute and chronic problems are subject to change due to operational and deployment commitments.



The clinic uses an appointment system for all beneficiaries, including active duty personnel. All appointments are scheduled through the central appointment desk at (800) 529-4677. Tricare Prime Patients are given priority for appointments. All other beneficiaries are seen on a space-available basis.

Since the Navy Branch Health Clinic is staffed and equipped to handle general medical problems only, patients requiring more specialized care will be referred to other medical facilities. Both military and civilian providers are used in the referral process. Tricare Prime patients must be referred to outside care by their primary care manager. Tricare Standard and Extra patients may seek care utilizing their Tricare benefits.

For more Tricare information, call the health benefits adviser at (912) 573-2928 Ext. 4228, or schedule

The base chapel provides religious services and activities throughout the week for people of all faiths. The chapel also coordinates the annual Christmas visit to the Veterans Administration hospital in Dublin, Ga., and food drives for military families in need.

an appointment with the health benefits office through the central appointment desk. For additional information regarding Tricare, call (912) 882-2604 or (800) 444-5445.

More information about clinic services can be obtained through the "Guide to Outpatient Services," which may be picked up at the clinic.

# Chaplain Services and Religious Activities

The Kings Bay Chapel is conveniently located across from the Navy Exchange and Commissary in building 1049. Religious services are held each weekend. These services include Roman Catholic Mass at 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday, and religious education classes on Sunday and on Monday during the school year (exact times depend on the age of the student). Protestant worship services are held at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning, and Sunday school is held at 9 a.m. during the school year.

# **Defense Commissary Agency (DECA)**

The Defense Commissary Agency, located in the Navy Exchange complex, carries thousands of household necessities, including fresh meat and produce. The commissary prides itself on its wide selection of fresh meat and its tempting array of fresh produce.

The commissary allows disabled shoppers access to the store 30 minutes before its regular opening hours and provides them assistance with their shopping if needed. Special orders can be called in and will be available when you arrive at the commissary. Most meat special orders can be called in 24 hours in advance, but grocery and produce special orders require 72 hours notice, so they can be ordered and received from distributors. For additional details, call (912) 573-3310.

# Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC)

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) offers a variety of social services to military members and their families.

FFSC provides information and referral services, individual and family clinical counseling, life skills workshops, support groups, relocation assistance, transition assistance, employment assistance, retired affairs assistance, financial counseling and education, new parent support services, family advocacy services, victims assistance, deployment support and ombudsman assembly support. Workshops, presentations and general military training sessions are also available for more than 30 subject areas.

For more information or to obtain services, call FFSC at (912) 573-4512 or visit us at building 1051 across from PSD and the Naval Legal Service Office.



Besides providing building expertise for small construction projects at Kings Bay, Construction Battalion Mobile Unit 202 most recently deployed members to Iraq to support the war on terror and to the Gulf Coast in support of Task Force Katrina.



The Fleet and Family Support Center offers a wide array of counseling services ranging from financial to stress and anger management. Counseling is free and is either offered on a one-on-one basis or in a group setting.



The Defense Commissary Agency store at Kings Bay provides a wide range of groceries items from fresh meats, fruits and vegetables, to an on-site deli and bakery.

# **Employment Opportunities**

There are four main sources of employment at NSB Kings Bay:

- •Federal service positions with Naval Submarine Base or tenant commands.
- •Non-appropriated fund positions with MWR, Navy Exchange or DeCA.
- The Base Operating Services Contractor, VT Griffin, provides base security, firefighting, maintenance of buildings and grounds, and minor construction work.
- •Defense contractors on the base. Employment opportunities should be pursued either directly with the company or with the Georgia Department of Labor.

Recruitment for federal service positions at Kings Bay is processed through the Human Resources Service Center Southeast. Federal employment information can be obtained on the Navy HRO web site at <a href="https://www.donhr.navy.mil">www.donhr.navy.mil</a>.

Applications for non-appropriated fund positions, which are open to the public, can be submitted to the MWR Personnel Office located in building 1032. Their number is (912) 573-4583 or 3958.

Those interested in employment with the Navy Exchange can inquire at the Navy Exchange Personnel Office or by calling (912) 573-8557.

The Spouse Employment Assistance Program (SEAP) is an excellent starting point for your job search, whether you are just arriving to Kings Bay, looking for another job, or looking for a job at your spouse's next duty station.

The SEAP is designed to provide assistance, information and referral on employment and educational resources and opportunities to eligible customers. Contact the SEAP coordinator at FFSC (912) 573-4520.

The Georgia Department of Labor office is located 1712 Osborne Road, in St. Marys. The office number is (912) 673-6942 or 6943.



### **Legal Services**

The command Judge Advocate General (JAG) advises the base commander on legal matters and provides advice to base personnel concerning ethics, military justice, commercial solicitation, outside employment, the Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act and Standards of Conduct issues. The office can be reached at (912) 573-4732.

The Naval Legal Service Office (NLSO), located next to PSD, provides active duty personnel, retirees and family members assistance with various legal issues. Some of the services NLSO provides include: notaries, powers of attorney, wills and estate planning, domestic relations, leases, real estate, non-support and paternity, taxation and other routine legal matters by appointment only. Defense and Mast counseling are also offered on an appointment basis. The office can be reached at (912) 573-3935.



If your vacation plans include going to an attraction, make sure to check with Information, Tickets and Tours located in the Navy Exchange complex. ITT provides tickets and information for theme parks, entertainment and sporting events at discount prices. ITT also promotes the Armed Forces Vacation Club with significant discounts on vacation destinations around the world.



Located in the main retail store, the NEX barbershop provides haircuts for men, women and children alike with no appointments necessary. A beauty shop is conveniently located within the main store as well.

# **Navy Exchange**

Autoport — The gas islands are open 24 hours (credit/debit card only) and offers quick and easy self-service. The convenience store offers a variety of foods and a selection of useful household items. There is also a large selection of spirits, wines and soft drinks available. The Autoport also offers automotive accessories, moving supplies and rentals, and carpet cleaning supplies and rentals.

Barber Shop — The barber shop offers haircuts for men, women and children. Call (912) 882-6228 for appointments. Customers without appointments are seen as soon as possible.

Beauty Shop — The beauty shop offers full-service hair styling, including perms for men, women and children. To make an appointment, call (912) 882-6152.

Customer Service — Customer service provides patrons personal and government check-cashing services. The office also provides money transfer, money orders and NEXCARD payments.

Flower Shop — The flower shop offers a host of gifts, from fresh flowers to exquisite arrangements. They also offer a vast selection of balloon bouquets, baskets and plants for any occasion.

Food Court — The food court, features Subway, Taco Bell and Java Junction. Other food services are located at Trident Refit Facility's cafeteria in the administration building, the waterfront snack bar, Trident Training Facility snack bar and Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic.



The Main Navy Exchange retail store is conveniently located next to the commissary, Navy Federal Credit Union, chapel and the Fleet and Family Center. Open seven-days-a-week the NEX carries a variety of products ranging from clothing to major appliances.

Main Retail Store — The main retail store carries a variety of products, ranging from major appliances to clothing. They also have a special-order desk and garden shop.

Navy Pride and Personalized Services Shop — This specialized store has a variety of merchandise available for special gifts including plaques, novelties and military-theme clothing. The following services are also available to patrons: phone cards, dry cleaning and laundry, film developing, special orders, invitations, engraving, business cards and overnight shipping services.



Designed by Arthur Hill, the 18-hole Trident Lakes golf course provides a challenge for the beginner to the master. A golf pro is also on hand to provide lessons and tips for the avid duffer.

NEX Video — Located in the Autoport convenience store, customers have a wide selection of videos and DVDs to choose from.

Optical — The optical shop offers a variety of frames and optical products. Same day service is also available on most single vision lens prescriptions.

**Sight and Sound** — A variety of consumer electronics such as computer equipment, TVs and accessories, cameras, CDs, tapes and videos are carried in the store.

Uniform Center and Tailoring Shop — Located inside the main retail store, the staff can assist with all of your uniform needs from purchase to fitting.

# **Navy Federal Credit Union**

The Kings Bay area boasts two full-service Navy Federal Credit Union member service centers. The Kings Bay center is located next to the Navy Exchange and is open Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The St. Marys center is located at 560 Charlie Smith Sr., Highway (Spur 40) near the Franklin Gate. It is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Civilian and military personnel regularly employed by the Department of Defense who work at Kings Bay, and members of their immediate families, are eligible for membership at NFCU.

NFCU's direct-deposit and savings program services include share and IRA certificates, share savings, and sharechek checking. Navy Federal also offers a wide variety of consumer loan products, including vehicle loans, major credit cards and home-improvement loans at competitive rates.

NFCU has 24-hour automatic teller machines available to members in the local area. ATMs on base are located at the Navy Exchange, NFCU, and Trident Training Facility. Off base, teller machines are conveniently located outside the St. Marys NFCU. These ATMs can be used by anyone whose financial institution is a member of the PLUS System or Interlink. For more information about the credit union, please visit <a href="https://www.navyfcu.org">www.navyfcu.org</a>.

# **Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society**

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS), located in the Clubs of Kings Bay, provides assistance to active duty and retired Navy and Marine Corps service members.

The society offers many services including financial assistance for temporary hardship, budget counseling, a food locker, gift layettes of infant clothing and other basic items for newborns, referral to other military or community service organizations, a listening post for people with problems, education loan programs for active duty family members and children of retirees, and fleet input to commissioning programs.

Financial assistance, in the form of interest-free loans when the service member can repay, is provided in emergency situations listed below:

Basic living expenses (food, shelter and utilities)

Emergency transportation

Funeral expenses

Emergency automobile repair

Medical/dental expenses

Individual home disasters



The base post office provides full-service postal service from stamps, post boxes and express mail.

These areas of assistance, while stated in general terms, are subject to various limitations and restrictions. Contact NMCRS at (912) 573-3928 for more information.

#### **Public Affairs**

The Public Affairs Office provides internal/external information, media relations and community relations.

Kings Bay's weekly newspaper, The Periscope, is available at newsstands throughout the base and Camden County. The paper features events on the base, recreational activities, news about the many commands at King Bay, and volunteer opportunities. Free advertising in the paper's classified sections is available for military members, their families, retired members, and DoD civilian employees. View The Periscope on-line at <a href="https://www.kingsbayperiscope.com">www.kingsbayperiscope.com</a>. Contact the editor directly at (912) 573-4719.

The base public affairs officer is the official spokesperson to the media concerning events and people associated with the base. Direct any questions or concerns to public affairs office at (912) 573-4714.

The office coordinates a speaker's bureau for those interested in taking the Navy message to civic organizations around the area and state. The PAO also directs a robust community service program with the base, tenant commands and the local community. Some of the community service programs include Personal Excellence Partnership, Project Good Neighbor, Environmental Stewardship and Health, Safety and Fitness. Contact the community relations manager at (912) 573-4714.

For information about the base and its mission and the tenant commands located at Kings Bay go to www.subasekb.navy.mil.

### **Post Office**

The U.S. Post Office branch is located in building 1006, behind the Navy Exchange Autoport. This small but full-service post office provides a full range of postal needs, including international mail service. The post office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

If you do not have a residence prior to transferring, you will need to forward your mail to your next command. For more information regarding change of address or setting up a post office box, call (912) 573-9633.

The U.S Post Office also has branches in St. Marys, Kingsland and Woodbine.

#### **American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross is an organization dedicated to its mission statement, "making a difference in people's lives." The Red Cross lives up to its mission by providing a helping hand to those in need on a daily basis. Among those helped are members of the armed forces and their families.

This nonprofit organization is more than 100 years old and has the tradition of being governed by volunteers. Many contributions are given through the Combined Federal Campaign in partnership with United Way campaigns and independent fund campaigns.

The American Red Cross offers the following services for military members and their families: communications worldwide to verify family emergencies, financial assistance to meet emergency needs, disaster services, volunteer programs, health and safety classes, referral to other agencies for services, and assistance for personal and family problems.

The American Red Cross office at Kings Bay is located in building 1051 and can be reached directly at (912) 573-3939.

# **Security Department/Navy Police**

The security department, manned by active duty military, Department of Defense civilians, and contract security personnel, provides physical security and law enforcement services to Kings Bay. Kings Bay Navy Police take pride in being a "community-policing" organization and are dedicated to providing professional, progressive services to the base community.

Serving as caretakers of the community, the Navy Police are committed to "proactive" vice "reactive" policing. This commitment is manifested through a wide variety of programs focused on community interaction through a highly refined crime prevention program.

Military and civilian personnel must register their vehicles within 30 days after reporting aboard for duty. Personnel can register their vehicles at the Stimson Gate Pass and ID Office. A valid driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of vehicle insurance are required to obtain a decal.

Possession or transportation of privately owned firearms or weapons on base is prohibited, except for registered hunters or special events. Weapons may be kept in family housing if they are registered with security. However, weapons cannot be kept in barracks rooms.

Security/Navy Police is located at 2026 Henry Clay Boulevard. Call them at (912) 573-8529 regarding storing and transporting weapons or other security issues.

#### **MWR**

#### **Auto Skills Center**

The Auto Skills Center provides patrons a quality, value-based program for the repair and maintenance of their vehicles. The center includes five indoor and two outdoor covered bays and a coin operated car wash with vacuum. Equipment, tools and supplies are readily available for completing most major and minor automotive repairs. The center also offers a variety of pay services offered by appointment only. These services include changing oil, tire rotation and balancing, air conditioning system flush and cooling system flush. Auto Skills workers are on hand to provide technical assistance to all patrons.

#### **Bowling Center**

Rack-N-Roll Lanes is located next to the Fitness Center Complex and offers 16 lanes with state of the art AMF equipment. A pro-shop, lockers, video and an amusement game room are also available. Open bowling, leagues and special tournaments are also offered and bowling parties may be arranged upon request. To satisfy refreshment needs, Rack-N-Roll Lanes is home to a pizza eatery with grill favorites.

#### Boys & Girls Club

The base's varied and flexible youth program serves the recreational needs of family members assigned to Kings Bay. Programs offered at the Boys & Girls Club include school-age care (school year and summer), bimonthly skating parties, special events and seasonal programs, a youth sports program,



The base security department is a combined military, DoD and contractor police force, which provides security for the base ranging from military working dog units, base access badges, vehicle registration and game warden services. Navy Master-at-Arms have deployed to Afghanistan, Irag and Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, in support of the war on terror.



The base fitness complex includes two NCAA regulation-size basketball and volleyball courts. All fitness programs are dedicated to the advancement of understanding the relationship between fitness and healthy habits and to providing excellence in leadership to implement the concepts necessary to enhance the physical and emotional well being of individuals.

a teen volunteer program including a summer volunteer program and an active partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of America. The school-age care and teen programs require pre-registration.

The Boys & Girls Club contains an arts 'n crafts room, multipurpose gymnasium and skating arena, classrooms, game room, a computer and media room, outdoor play areas, snack bar and two lighted Little League ball fields with a concession stand. For additional information please call (912) 573-2380.

#### **Child Development Center**

The Child Development Center (CDC) staff is dedicated to the goal of offering quality childcare and making a happy environment for you children.

The full-time developmental program uses guidelines set by Navy instruction and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The center has been accredited by NAEYC since 1991 and its curriculum places emphasis on all phases of development.

Any military and DoD family member, six weeks to five years old, is eligible for enrollment in the center. Priority is given to single and/or dual active duty military and active duty military with a working or student spouse. A child is no longer eligible for the program at the end of the summer (August) preceding admission into kindergarten.

Located in the family housing area, hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 6:15 am to 5:30 pm.

They are closed weekends and all federal holidays. For more information about the Child Development Center, call (912) 573-3626.

#### **Child Development Homes Program**

The Child Development Homes Program arranges for military spouses to care for children in Navy Family Housing units and private off-base military or civilian homes. The child-care provider and the home are certified before and after children are enrolled. Children of military and Department of Defense civilians, six weeks to 12 years old, are eligible for this program.

This program is a wonderful alternative to center-based care and can be used as an option for those children on the waiting list for the CDC or the Boys & Girls Club. The mission of the program is to offer safe, healthy and developmentally appropriate learning environments for children in a home care setting and to give guidance as well as assistance to providers who operate CDHs.

#### **Conference Center**

The Conference Center is located in building 1039 and is conveniently situated next to beautiful Lake Liberty for fabulous photo opportunities. This facility is available for rent by patrons for special occasions. Small to large areas are available, as well as a lounge complete with dance floor. Kitchen privileges are included with rentals, so patrons can prepare their own food and beverages or hire a caterer.

The rental center carries an extensive assortment of tableware, special serving pieces, and equipment and party items to be used in the conference center or anywhere a patron chooses to hold a special event or party.

#### **Fitness Center Complex**

The base fitness complex includes two NCAA regulation-size basketball and volleyball courts, as well as racquetball courts and wallyball courts. The complex also has men's and women's locker rooms that are complete with saunas; a Cardio Theatre, Life Fitness exercise rooms, a heated junior Olympic-sized pool used year round for physical fitness training, lighted ball fields, and a 1/4 mile running track.

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#### **Fitness Center Pool Complex**

Located in the Fitness Center Complex, the Pool complex contains a 25-yard by 25-meter swimming pool with an exciting 150-ft double water slide and is open from May 1 through September 30. The pool complex also has a 14-foot diving pool, kiddies pool, sand volleyball areas, playground, horseshoe pits, shaded pavilions and vending area. Large and small



The MWR pool complex includes a 25-yard by 25-meter heated swimming pool, double water slide, diving well and a children's wading pool. The Boomers Down Under Invitational Swim Meet is held every Columbus Day weekend at the Fitness Center and attracts over 500 swimmers plus their families from around the southeast and contributes approximately \$500,000 to the local economy. The Camden County Boomers Swim Club began as a summer league team organized in 1984 at the base and has expanded into a year-round country-wide team.

private parties can be arranged. The pool offers family nights, entertainment, swimming and music during tropical summer evenings.

Seasonal lap swimming is available during the workweek. Call (912) 573-9574 for information regarding available arrangements with the community recreation center to support lap swimming between October and April. In addition, recreational swimming, water aerobics and learn-to-swim classes are also offered seasonally at the base pool. Call (912) 573-3001 for information regarding these programs.

#### Information, Tickets and Tours (ITT)

Information, Tickets and Tours is located in the Navy Exchange complex. If your vacation plans include going to an attraction, make sure to check with ITT first. The office provides patrons with information; tickets from Six Flags in Atlanta to Busch Gardens in Tampa, Fla., entertainment and sporting event tickets at discount prices. The ITT office promotes the Armed Forces Vacation Club with significant discounts on vacation destination condominiums, provides access to the Navy-wide MWR Leisure Travel Program, offering discounts on airlines, hotels, rental cars, and cruise packages. ITT also has certified cruise



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The Outdoor Adventures Center has an assortment of rental equipment, such as campers, tents, rods and reels, and boats. Base hunting and fishing licenses are available. The center also arranges outdoor trips and activities such as canoeing, whitewater rafting, camping, horseback riding, deep-sea fishing, and bass tournaments.

line agents to assist patrons in booking their dream vacations. Call (912) 573-2289.

#### Liberty Single Sailor and Marine Program

MWR's Liberty Single Sailor and Marine program is operated through "Oscars Recreation Center," a theme facility eventually offering over 21 DSL flat screen computers, flat screen televisions an 8mm movie room with a 60" TV and surround sound, Sony Play Stations, pool and air hockey tables, CD juke box, and vending area. Oscars is undergoing a major facelift in 2006 as the facility expands and is renamed "The Big EZ (Entertainment Zone)." The renovation will add WI-FI access to all areas for the laptop, wireless enthusiast; a 40 seat Home Theater; 6 new pool tables, foosball and darts; 12 new flat screen televisions, 4 Sony PS2 and 10 X-boxes for internet gaming; and a direct TV sports package to include "NFL Ticket," "Fight Night," and WWE Wrestling. The facility is free to all active duty military and their guests 18 years and older. The program provides single military and geographical bachelors with wholesome, exciting events and activities to enjoy.

#### **MWR Events**

MWR arranges for a variety of recreational activities to enhance the leisure time of our fleet commands. Monthly events include golf tournaments, 5k runs, bowling tournaments and sand volleyball tournaments.



Eagle Hammock, nestled around a wooded 220-acre lake is located in the heart of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. There are 50 RV sites that include a 20'x40' paved pad, water, sewage, 30 and 50-amp electrical hook-ups, Wi-Fi and satellite television hook-ups.



The Veterinary Treatment Facility is open during the week and provides patron's pets with their required annual check-ups, tests and inoculations. Microchip identification services, a mandatory requirement for all base residents, is also provided at the facility.

Quarterly events include KidsFest, National Kids Day, Military Family Appreciation and Light Up Kings Bay. Other events are scheduled and information can be found in the local base paper.

#### **Non-Appropriated Fund Personnel Office**

The MWR Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) employee office is located in building 1032, the MWR administrative office. Interested applicants can review job listings and get information regarding employment by MWR. Call (912) 573-4583 or 8572.

#### **Outdoor Adventures**

Outdoor Adventures Center is located next to the Auto Skills Center at the corner of Stimson and Boone and has an assortment of equipment, at little or no cost to the patrons, and access to recreational areas around the base. A large variety of rental items enhance leisure skill activities for our patrons such as campers, tents, rods and reels, boats, canoes, and more. Base hunting and fishing licenses are available.

Picnic areas with tables and grills are located at various sites around base. The center can make reservations for large groups at these areas.

The Outdoor Adventure program provides outdoor trips and activities for MWR patrons such as canoeing, whitewater rafting, camping, horseback riding, deep-sea fishing, bass tournaments and more. Call (912) 573-8103.

#### Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park

Eagle Hammock RV Park is nestled around a wooded 220-acre lake in the heart of Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.

There are 50 RV sites inside the park. Each site has a 20' x 40' paved pad, water, sewage, 30 and 50-amp electrical hook-ups, a picnic table and fire ring. Five sites are ADA accessible. A cozy community center is available on the grounds providing a meeting area, ADA bathhouse and laundry room equipped with free washers and dryers. For reservations call (800) 818-1815 or (912) 573-1161.

#### **Recycling Center**

The MWR Recycling Center actively promotes a cleaner, safer environment by collecting; sorting and reselling recycled material to local vendors. Collections from base commands and the surrounding community supply a large variety of recycled material, which helps lower landfill costs and supply additional recreational funds to the base.

#### **Trident Lakes Golf Club**

Trident Lakes Golf Club is located on the Navy's Premier Submarine Base at Kings Bay Georgia. Originally in 1989, this Arthur Hills designed course was only open to the military and their guests. Now everyone can enjoy the gently rolling fairways bordered by areas of dense native trees and wildlife. The well-positioned water hazards, located on nine different holes, and four different tee locations challenge every golfer from beginner to professional. Sharpen yours skills on the driving range, the putting or chipping green, and check out the pro shop for specials on bags, clubs, golf balls, hats and other items. The tranquil setting and serene atmosphere in a non-residential area provide a feeling of being one with nature. Come capture a golf experience you won't soon forget. Play Trident Lakes and golf with nature! For tee times or additional information call (912) 573-8475 or 8476.

Directions: Enter through Jackson Gate and proceed approximately 0.3 mile on Andrew Jackson Drive. Turn left onto USS James Madison Road and travel 1 mile, coming to a stop at USS Proteus Blvd. Make a right onto USS Proteus Blvd., travel 0.3 mile and Trident Lakes Golf Club will appear on your right.

#### **Veterinary Services**

MWR and the U.S. Army operate the Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) located behind the Navy Exchange Gas Island near the post office. The clinic is open during the week and provides patron's pets with their required annual check-ups, tests and inoculations at significant savings compared to veterinary services located in the community. The clinic also provides a microchip identification service, a mandatory requirement for all base residents. In addition, patrons may purchase popular retail items, also at a savings. To make an appointment, call the Kings Bay VTF at (912) 573-0755.



#### **Bancroft Memorial**

Other U.S. military bases may have ceremonial tanks or aircraft at their front gates, but Kings Bay has a submarine greeting visitors at the entrance to the 16,000-acre naval base located in Coastal Georgia. Rising from a sea of green grass at the Franklin Gate is the USS George Bancroft Sail Exhibit, a display commemorating the Navy's submarine program.

USS George Bancroft (SSBN 643), commissioned January 22, 1966, in Groton, Conn., served in the Navy's submarine service for more than 27 years. With the advent of the Ohio-class submarines and the end of the Cold War, the older Franklin-class submarines were no longer needed and Bancroft was decommissioned and struck from the Navy list September 21, 1993.

Bancroft ended up in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Washington for scrapping and recycling in March 1998. However, Bancroft would not go away easily.

Alerted to its imminent destruction, a grassroots effort by the St. Marys Submarine Museum, a local submarine veterans organization, former Bancroft crewmembers and local businesses raised the necessary funding to bring the submarine's sail to Kings Bay and to construct the exhibit.

Saved from the recycling bin in 1998, the sail display was constructed and built as the centerpiece for Kings Bay's celebration of the submarine forces 100th anniversary on April 7, 2000.

Between October 1999 and March 2000, members of Construction Battalion Unit 412 cleared and grubbed 500 tons of soil and trees to construct the footings, foundation, and lighting necessary for the exhibit. The Seabees molded the earth to resemble a submarine hull, allowing a contractor to then spray the earthen hull with a thick coat of black gunite.

The exhibit is located directly in front of the Franklin entrance to Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay at the intersection of St. Marys Road and Georgia State Highway Spur 40. The exhibit is free and open to the public.



# Communities

# Camden County at a Glance...

#### **Geographic Location:**

Home to NSB Kings Bay, Camden County is located deep in the heart of Southeast Georgia is named for the Earl of Camden, Charles Pratt, who was chief justice and Lord Chancellor of England in the late 1700s. The county is approximately 42 miles from Jacksonville, 38 miles from Brunswick, 109 miles from Savannah and 300 miles from Atlanta.

#### Land Area:

As the largest county in the state of Georgia, Camden County covers an area of approximately 659 square miles.

#### Population:

The population in Camden County according to 2004 estimates is 45,108, a major growth since the 1980 census count of 13,371. Due to Camden's strong economy, steady growth is predicted for the future.

#### **Transportation:**

Camden County is easily accessible, as Interstate 95, US Highway 17 and Georgia Highway 40 all intersect the county.

Jacksonville International Airport is the nearest commercial airport serving Camden County. It is

located approximately 30 minutes south on I-95. St. Marys Municipal Airport also serves the local area.

#### **Conference and Accommodations:**

There are about 20 hotels and motels as well as several bed and breakfast inns located in the Camden County-Kings Bay area, with over 1,190 rooms.

Camden County has several different meeting spaces available for use by the public. These spaces include a banquet room with a capacity of 250, a theater with a capacity of 250, classroom space that can hold 150 and a reception hall that accommodates up to 300. Audiovisual equipment is available for use. The Camden County High School Theater seats 1,275 people.

#### **Government:**

Camden County consists of three municipalities: Woodbine, Kingsland and St. Marys. Each of these municipalities has a mayor and a council of four to six people. A county commission and a county manager govern the county.

#### Law Enforcement:

St. Marys and Kingsland provide law enforcement services for their residents while Camden County provides county-wide services including the city of Woodbine.



Park your car and stroll along Osborne Street in downtown St. Marys shaded by ancient Live Oak and palm trees. White picket fences surround many of the historic landmarks. Stay a while in the historic Riverview Hotel, or one of the many bed and breakfasts inns.

#### Support Services and Public Safety:

Camden County is served by three fire departments located in St. Marys, Kingsland and Woodbine staffed by full time firefighters and volunteers. Four emergency medical technician squads serve the entire county.

#### **Health Care:**

Southeast Georgia Health System, Camden Campus, a 40-bed hospital located in St. Marys, offers 24-hour emergency service and full medical care. The Camden Campus operates one catered and assisted living facility in Kingsland and one assisted living facility in St. Marys. The St. Marys Convalescent Center provides critical care services for elderly residents in the area. In addition, there are approximately 50 physicians, 12 dentists and three local veterinarian offices in the vicinity of the base.

#### **Financial Institutions:**

Camden County has several financial institutions with assets totaling more than \$8 billion. These institutions include The Heritage Bank, Citizens Bank,



Three radio stations provide the local community with news and music. Local radio personalities also provide live remotes at various community events and festivals-giving a real hometown feeling to the area.

Coastal Bank of Georgia, United First Federal Credit Union, NFCU and Southeastern Bank.



Camden County is home to many festivals celebrated throughout the year such as the Kingsland Catfish Festival. Held over Labor Day weekend the festival features big-name country artists, arts and crafts displays, and plenty of fried catfish for everyone.

#### **Education:**

Camden County has 12 schools, including one high school, two middle schools, and nine elementary schools. In addition, the Camden County operates a special needs school and an alternative school. One Christian academy serves grade pre-K through 12.

Coastal Georgia Community College, a Georgia university system school, offers associate and certificate programs. There are several other colleges and universities within commuting distance in Brunswick, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla.

The county library facilities include the Camden County Public Library, St. Marys Library and Woodbine's Bryan-Lang Historical Library.

#### **Communications:**

Three newspapers serve Camden County: The Georgia Times-Union, Tribune & Georgian and The Camden Courier. WECC (89.3-FM), WKBX (106.3-FM) and WWIO (1190-AM) (NPR) also provide local news and music to the community. Jacksonville provides local broadcast of all major television networks.



In 2004, the base and local communities signed a mutual aid agreement pledging emergency response assistance to each other. Joint law enforcement training between base security and local law enforcement is just one of many initiatives to have come of the agreement.

# **Local Communities**

# **Saint Marys**

St. Marys, the nearest community to the base, is the largest city in Camden County. A quaint, serene and friendly river town perched on Buttermilk Bluff it was first settled by the Spanish well before Oglethorpe and the English settlers. It has served as the location of an Indian village, colonial settlement and most recently, host to the NSB Kings Bay family. The oldest town in Georgia, it boasts a national historic district and functions as the embarkation point for the Cumberland Island National Seashore.

Visitors may want to buy tickets for their Cumberland Island trip, and then spend time in the historic district until it is time to board the ferry.

Park your car and stroll along the city's Chamber of Commerce sponsored Osborne Street shaded by ancient Live Oak and palm trees. White picket fences surround many of the historic landmarks. Flowered walkways invite you to come rock for a spell on one of the many sea-breezed verandas. Gift and antique shops housed in turn-of-the-century buildings offer hours of browsing. Enjoy delicious seafood and other excellent cuisine found in the eateries of St. Marys.

Stay for a while in a historic hotel, one of the bed and breakfasts or locally owned family hotels. From

most of the accommodations, you can walk to the pedestrian ferry for a 45-minute boat ride to Cumberland Island, where wild horses, white sandy beaches and natural, unspoiled habitat are waiting to greet you.



Hundreds of children with special needs arrive each April for the Special Olympics of Georgia region games held at the MWR Fitness Complex. Volunteers assist in many ways from being an athlete Buddy, to coordinating the games. The efforts of all involved helped the base receive recognition as the best Health, Safety & Fitness program in Navy Region Southeast.



It's all about the children at the annual Special Olympics of Georgia region games held at Kings Bay. Approximately 400 special needs children from Coastal Georgia attend the games staged at the MWR Fitness Complex. Events range from the 50-yard dash, to soccer, to swimming.

#### **Kingsland**

Kingsland has its origins in the John Madison King Plantation in Longwood. The plantation was worked steadily by succeeding generations of Kings until the late 1800s. Called "King's Land" rather than its proper title, businesses and private citizens began to purchase parcels of the plantation. By 1894 Longwood Plantation evolved into the town of Kingsland.

Today, it serves as home to Camden County High School, as well as several elementary schools, a middle

school, and churches of all major denominations. Recreation facilities include an 18-hole golf course designed by Davis Love III, and the county recreation center located behind the high school on Wildcat Drive.

A great number of visitors and retirees enjoy Kingsland so much they decide to settle down to take advantage of all the wonders of the area in a climate that is pleasant year-round. In addition, Kingsland offers unparalleled opportunities for any company that requires a quality labor base, easy access to



NSB Kings Bay has been recognized on several levels from region to Secretary of the Navy for its robust environmental program. Base programs range from landfill remediation, endangered species protection to austere programs such as adopt-a-highway programs.



Every December Kings Bay Sailors travel to the Veterans Administration hospital in Dublin, Ga., to visit, chat and sing Christmas carols with disabled veterans from all services. The visit is part of the base's Good Neighbor program, which has been recognized as one of the best in Navy Region Southeast.

transportation, or a built-in community of potential customers with relatively high disposable income.

This growing community is located close to the base and offers a complete range of city services.

#### **Woodbine**

Woodbine, the county seat, is the fourth city to be selected for that honor. Chosen in 1923 to be the seat of county government, Woodbine boasts a courthouse that was completed in 1928. It continues to house the five-member board of county commissioners, the county courts, attendant offices, and the county sheriff's office. This hub of county government is situated on the banks of the Satilla River, approximately 18 miles from the base.

#### **Brunswick**

Brunswick is less than one hour's drive to the north of the base and is a busy industrial center and port city. It is the gateway to the Golden Isles of Georgia (Jekyll, St. Simons and Sea islands) and has spectacular views of the Glynn County marshes. Lanier's Oak overlooks the marshes just north of Brunswick. The Georgian poet Sidney Lanier was inspired to write many poems on Coastal Georgia while sitting under this tree. Brunswick is also the home to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Facility, which occupies the former site of Naval Air Station Glynco.

#### Savannah

Georgia's oldest city is located about two hours north of Kings Bay. Much of the colonial charm of this area is preserved in the splendid architectural restorations that have been done throughout the city. Cobblestone streets wind in and out of the picturesque squares.

Many famous seafood restaurants in Savannah remind the visitor of the city's proximity to the ocean. The historic waterfront district has been restored and is now a four-mile concourse of museums, boutiques, restaurants and nightspots that echo old-world charm along the Savannah River. Savannah is also home to the second largest St. Patrick's Day celebration in the country.

#### **Fernandina Beach**

Fernandina Beach is about 45 minutes southeast of the base on the northern tip of Amelia Island, Fla. Called the "Isle of Eight Flags," Amelia Island has been governed by France, Spain, Great Britain, independent patriots, Florida, Mexico, the United States, and the Confederacy. Fernandina, Old Fernandina, the plaza around the site of old Fort San Carlos, Fort Clinch State Park, and many nearby places are enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

Centre Street in Fernandina Beach is a 30-block historic district that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. A great deal of restoration has



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taken place making the street a reminder of late 19th century Victoriana. Ocean Park and the 13-mile beach at Fernandina provide unlimited swimming, surfing and sunbathing. Fort Clinch offers excellent opportunities for camping, beach combing and general outdoor recreation.

Fernandina Beach's docks, are the sites where the first off-shore trawlers sailed out early last century to begin a multi-million dollar shrimping industry, an occasion celebrated each year on the first weekend in May with the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival. The celebration includes a shrimp boat decoration competition, pirate's landing, sidewalk arts and crafts and, of course, seafood.

#### Jacksonville, Fla.

About a one-hour drive to the south of Kings Bay, Jacksonville is the largest city in land area in the United States and has a population of more than one million people. The city has a variety of activities.

The international airport, located just off Interstate 95 about halfway between downtown and the base, is served by most major airlines. Jacksonville is the commercial, financial, cultural, medical and urban heart of Northeast Florida and the First Coast.



Throughout the year there is never a shortage of volunteers with the Camden County Habitat for Humanity. Since 1998, Sailors from Kings Bay have assisted in building 20 homes for families in the local community. Volunteer efforts like Habitat is part of the base's Project Good Neighbor program, which has been recognized as one of the best in Navy Region Southeast.



First Presbyterian Church was built in 1808 and is the second oldest church in Georgia. Other 19th century churches in historic St. Marys include Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel (1847), Christ Episcopal (1880), and St. Marys Methodist Chapel (1858).

Situated in the Northeast corner of Florida, Jacksonville spans both banks of the broad, north-flowing St. John's River just before it meets one of Florida's finest beaches at the Atlantic Ocean. The area includes over 35 miles of sandy white beaches, more than 55 excellent golf courses, including the Stadium Course at Sawgrass, home of the legendary 17th hole, beautiful state parks and luxurious spas and resorts.

Dubbed the "Bold New City," it is also a city with more than its share of history. In pre-Columbian times, the Timucuan Indians, who lived along its creeks and waterways, inhabited the area. The Spanish, led by Ponce de Leon, came next and were followed by the French in 1564. The French built Fort Caroline and established the first European colony in America. They soon lost the foothold in Florida to the Spanish, who destroyed the French fort and built a flourishing settlement in nearby St. Augustine.

In addition to its historic sights, Jacksonville is home to Naval Air Station Jacksonville and Naval Station Mayport. These bases, along with Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, form the second largest naval complex on the East Coast.

#### **Entertainment and Lifestyles**

Camden County residents enjoy participating in the numerous leisure activities provided by the county's recreation center, which includes nine parks conveniently located throughout the community. Other popular pastimes include golfing, fishing, boating, camping, roller-skating and theatre. Three local golf courses also offer additional activities and events.

Saint Marys Submarine Museum presents a fascinating walk through the history of submarines and the men who operated them. The museum is a great place to learn about the "Silent Service." A wide variety of artifacts, memorabilia and information are available for viewing and you can check out the beautiful St. Marys waterfront through a real periscope. For hours of operation and entry fees call (912) 882-ASUB.

The Cumberland Island National Seashore Museum is located on Osborne Street, two blocks from the



Orange Hall, located in historic downtown St. Marys and completed in 1830, is considered a perfect example of Greek revival architecture. John Wood built the home as a wedding present to his daughter Jane Wood Pratt and husband Rev. Horace Pratt. Orange Hall is open daily for tours.

waterfront. The museum houses a collection of artifacts from Cumberland Island open to the public. The exhibition highlights the lives of Native Americans, African Americans, the Carnegie family as well as others who lived on the island in the 19th and 20th centuries.

The museum also includes an exhibit of the "Forgotten Invasion," now recognized as the last battle of the War of 1812. The exhibit includes reproductions of British and American uniforms, complete with weapons, a video about the history of Point Peter and the archaeological investigations, a children's area and a wide sampling of artifacts.

Established in 1788, Oak Grove Cemetery is literally a "who's who" of Camden County history. Located in downtown St. Marys under a canopy of Live Oaks, early settlers, victims of the Yellow Fever epidemic, Acadians and soldiers from the revolution to the present have been laid to rest here. It is the largest of many old cemeteries in Camden County.

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Wood built the home as a wedding present to his daughter Jane Wood Pratt and husband Rev. Horace Pratt. Pratt was the first minister of the Presbyterian Church located directly across the street from Orange Hall. However, both John Wood and Jane died in 1829 before the completion of the home. Pratt lived in Orange Hall until 1839 when he moved with his second wife to Alabama. The home remained in the Pratt family until it was sold in 1846. Orange Hall changed ownership several times until 1960 when it was deeded to the city of St. Marys and was eventually placed on the National Register of Historic Homes in 1973.

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McIntosh Sugar Works built in 1825, was a successful family enterprise and was later used as a starch factory during the Civil War. Only the tabby walls remain today, but the story is another intriguing



Every November hundreds of submarine veterans who served in World War II to the Cold War converge on Kings Bay for reunions and a memorial service held at the Submarine Veterans of World War II Memorial Pavilion.

part of Camden County's rich history. The sugar works is located on Charlie Smith, Sr., Highway (Spur 40), about 100 yards north of the Stimson Gate entrance to the base.

Crooked River State Park encompasses 500 acres on the south bank of the Crooked River. The park offers a wide range of excellent facilities including a boat launch ramp; camping and RV sites; a pool and bathhouse; cottages and picnic shelters. Call the park directly for more information, (912) 882-5256.

Cumberland Island National Seashore is the largest and southernmost barrier island in Georgia offering guests over 17 miles of secluded white sandy beaches. Visit the Greyfield Inn, built in 1901 as a vacation cottage for the Carnegie family. Converted in the 1960s to an inn, it retains the early 20th century furnishings. A short ferry ride from Saint Marys transports you to this unspoiled national seashore. Walk along the pristine white sand beaches or inland through Live Oak and Palmetto forests. Deer, mink, turkey and wild horses roam freely throughout the area. Overnight camping, no-license fishing, hiking and swimming are some of the available activities. Call (912) 882-4335 well in advance for reservations.

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Jacksonville's museums include the Cummer Gallery, the Jacksonville Art Museum, the Museum of Science and History, and the Brest Planetarium. The city has the oldest continuously producing community theater in the country, while universities and colleges have their own drama departments and programs.

The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra performs concerts to packed houses throughout the year. The arts assembly sponsors an annual Arts Festival in the streets of downtown Jacksonville, and features the finest in arts and crafts and performing arts. The Jacksonville Jazz festival is held annually at Metropolitan Park and features a week of jazz performances and competitions.

Coastal Georgia and the First Coast are also home to many festivals celebrated throughout the year, such as the Mardi Gras festival, held every February in St. Marys. Woodbine celebrates the Crawfish Festival in April and in Fernandina Beach, the Blessing of the Fleet and Shrimp Festival occurs in May.

Saint Marys also observe the Fourth of July with a parade, arts and crafts displays, and street dancing. Kingsland's Catfish Festival is held over the Labor Day weekend and is followed by the St. Marys Rock Shrimp Festival in October. Christmas throughout the community is celebrated with tree lightings and parades.











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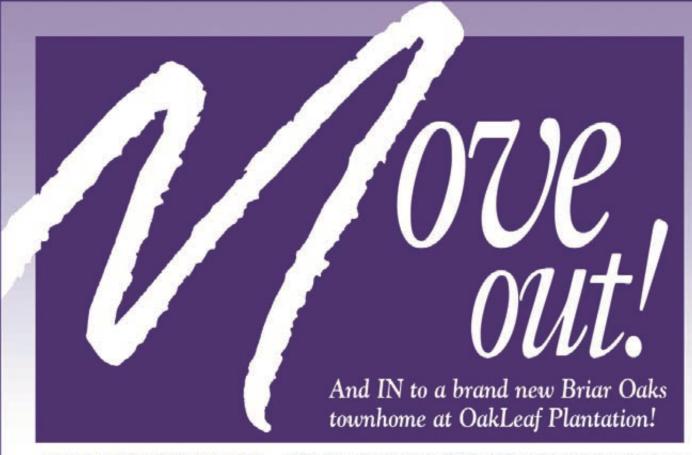
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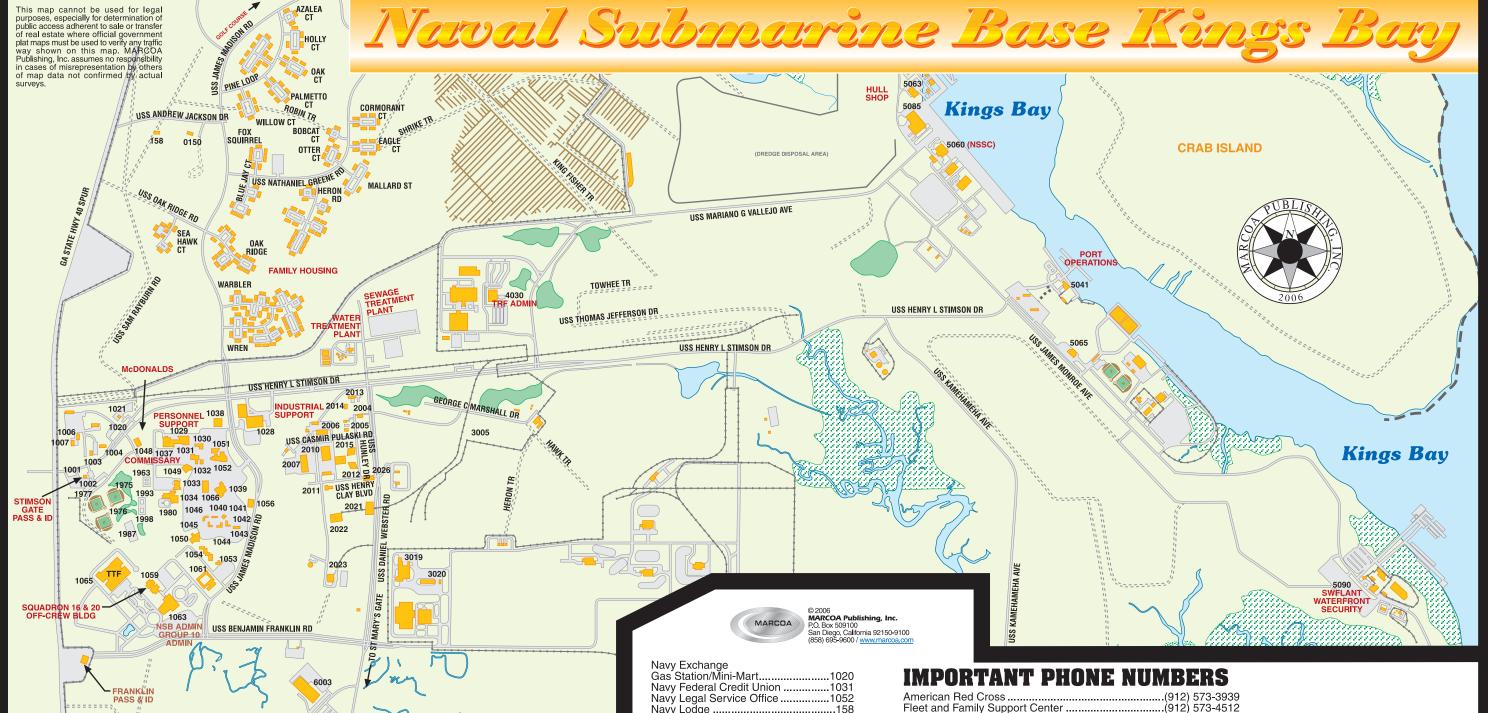
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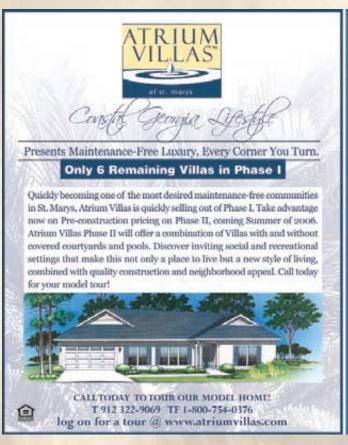
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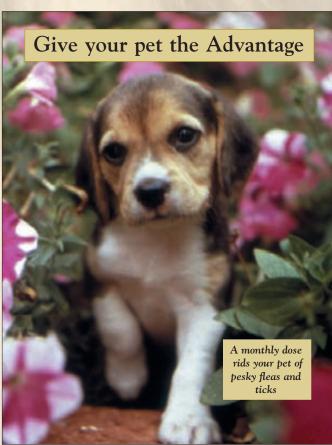


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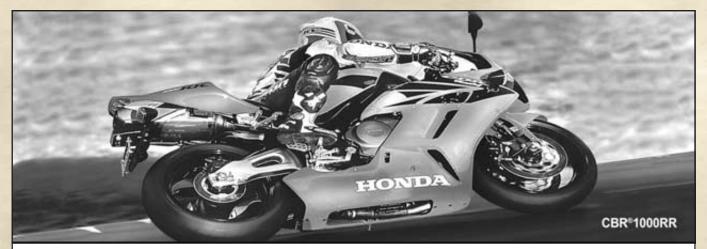
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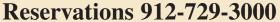




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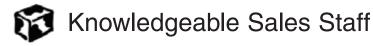
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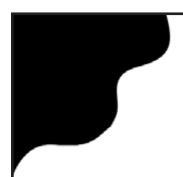


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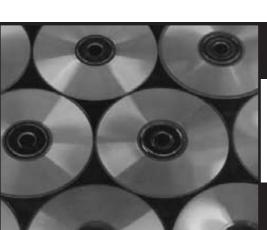
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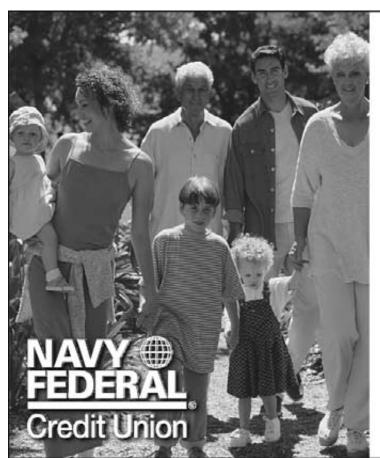
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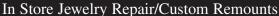
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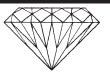


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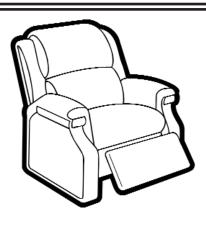
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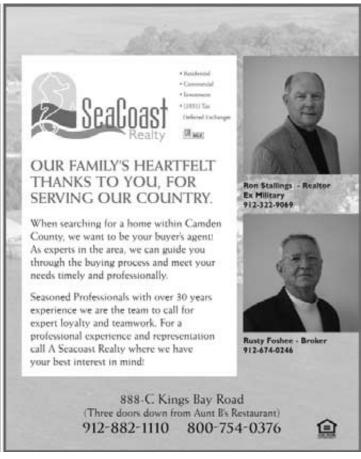
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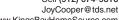
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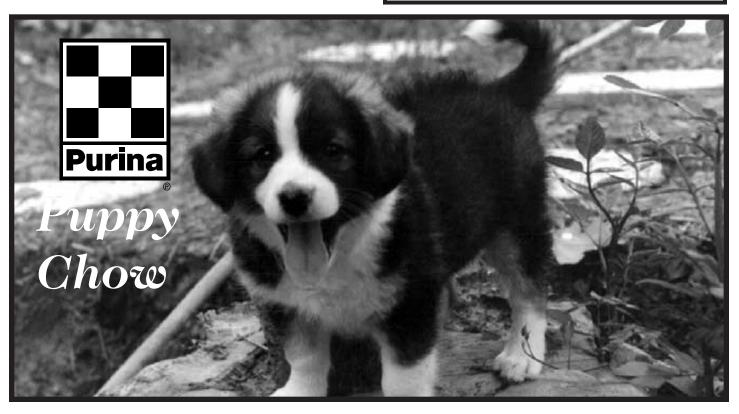
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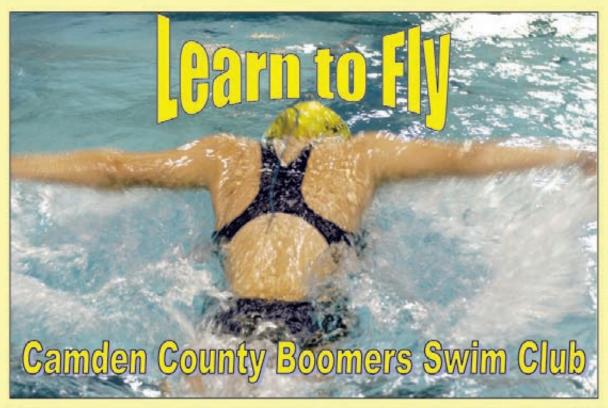
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